

Harpswell Conservation Commission  
Minutes for Meeting of January 19, 2010  
Municipal Office Bldg., Harpswell, ME

Members present: Mary Ann Nahf (chair), Deirdre Strachan, Burr Taylor, Donald Jones  
Absent: Anne Perry, T. Barrett, A. Nemrow

Guest: Carol Tukey, town planner

Meeting called to order by M. Nahf at 3:05PM

Minutes of Jan. 5, 2010 approved. Moved by D. Strachan, seconded by B. Taylor. Unanimous.

Old Business:

Otter Brook Focus Area: M. Nahf thought it would be a good idea to set a meeting time with residents in the area. Need to prepare some opening remarks re why this is important and what needs to be done. D. Strachan will prepare an outline. C. Turkey will prepare a list of contacts with the help of B. Taylor. Important to include those who own property from which water may flow to Otter Brook. Meeting date yet to be determined. Water testing can be done at later date. M. Nahf to contact R. Bryan, P. Milholland and Aram Calhoun on ways to visually assess the health of a wetland.

Save Our Bay (SOB): M. Nahf suggested doing a TV/DVD production to be comprised of several important issues, eg. SOB, importance of wetlands, lawn care and dangers of pesticides etc. The DVD could be distributed to new residents and others. Could subsequently use the DVD to prepare a brochure for educational purposes. D. Strachan will focus on these when writing grant applications for the Town.

New Business: Cedar Beach parking issue needs to be clarified and resolved before the summer season. Signage also needs to be addressed. D. Jones will talk to road commissioner and others. Discussed B. Taylor email re new property for sale near the Orr's Island bridge. Lot is about .23 acre and near Lucky Lane. D. Strachan to look up on tax map for more info. D. Jones gave an update on land acquisition fund. Information gathered from Kristi. Balance is now \$1279.00, fund was started by the town in 2000. Money is for acquisition only so if we want to use for easements in the future that would have to go before town meeting. Donations can be made to this fund. M. Nahf working on Concom report for the annual report. Vernal Pools. How to inform public about what to look for and do if property owner thinks they have one. A. Perry may be able to help with this. M. Nahf spoke about two meetings HHLT is having, one on Feb. 24 at 7:00pm re gardening for healthy waters and another for sometime in mid-April re natural gardening and pesticides. The HCC will co-sponsor the meetings. Motioned by D. Jones, seconded by D. Strachan. Unanimous.

February meetings: Set for Feb 2 and Feb. 23.

Adjourned at 4:24pm  
D. Jones, sec'y.